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SUBJECT: BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH ANGOLA

REF: STATE 150555

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MEMORANDUM OF JUNE 14 TO THE
SECRETARY FROM DR. BRZEZINSKI.

"THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT ANGOLAN PRESIDENT
NETO IS ANXIOUS FOR A U.S. OFFICIAL TO VISIT LUANDA TO
DISCUSS U.S.-ANGOLAN RELATIONS. THE PRESIDENT HAS
DETERMINED THAT WE MIGHT CONSIDER AN UNOFFICIAL VISIT
FOCUSING ON THESE ISSUES:

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2. NETO AND SAVIMBI
3. WITHDRAWAL OF CUBAN TROOPS
4. RECOGNITION

THE PRESIDENT STATED THAT WE SHOULD LET THE ANGOLANS KNOW
OUR POSITION ON THESE ISSUES CLEARLY. IN THIS CONNECTION,
AMBASSADOR MCHENRY SHOULD INFORM ANGOLAN UN REPRESENTATIVE

FIGUEIREDO OF THE ISSUES WE WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS SHOULD
AMBASSADOR MCHENRY MEET WITH ANGOLAN OFFICIALS IN LUANDA

IN THE CONTEXT OF A CONTACT GROUP VISIT."

2. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED YOUR REACTION TO DRAFT
TALKING POINTS TRANSMITTED REFTEL. WE ARE WORKING ON
FURTHER DRAFT TALKING POINTS TO REFLECT BRZEZINSKI'S
MEMORANDUM, PARTICULARLY POINTS 2 AND 4. WE PROPOSE
TO TAKE A SOMEWHAT MORE FORTHCOMING LINE TOWARD US
INTEREST IN WORKING TOWARD REESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WHILE MENTIONING THE INHIBITION WHICH CUBAN
MILITARY PRESENCE CONTINUES TO CAUSE. WE PROPOSE TO
ADDRESS THIS MATTER AS AN EVOLUTION WHICH WE DESIRE BUT
WHICH WILL TAKE SOME TIME. WE ALSO BELIEVE SECRETARY'S
TESTIMONY BEFORE HIRC JUNE 19 SHOULD INCLUDE REFERENCE
TO THE POSSIBLE ADVANTAGES OF MOVING TOWARD MORE NORMAL
RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA SO AS TO BEGIN PREPARING CONGRES-
SIONAL OPINION. WE ARE FORWARDING DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR
SECRETARY'S CONSIDERATION SEPTTEL.

3. DON MCHENRY WILL BE IN WASHINGTON SATURDAY, JUNE 17
TO PREPARE FOR ANGOLAN TALKS. DAVID NEWSOM WILL CONFER
WITH DAVID AARON AT 1600 TODAY ON TALKING POINTS. OUR
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE IS FOR MCHENRY, JUNIOR AND PETTERSON
TO DEPART EVENING JUNE 19 TO ARRIVE LUANDA JUNE 20
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AND HAVE ONE DAY FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS PRIOR TO
ARRIVAL CONTACT GROUP. NEWSOM

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